Welfare schemes

2390. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that planners have been told to visit villages for a reality check on the various welfare schemes launched by Government;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government has considered the advisability for the planners as also the other Government officers to imbibe the grass root culture while availing the facilities from various Government departments instead of using their position, in order to ascertain the difficulties of the common man *vis-a-vis* welfare schemes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) to (d) As per the direction of the Prime Minister, officers of Planning Commission dealing with State Plans were asked to visit States periodically to review the implementation of flagship schemes and programmes and submit reports for submission to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). The officers have already visited 17 States and 13 tour report have been submitted to the PMO so far. Each flagship programme has its own institutional mechanism at the Centre and State level for monitoring of progress by the respective administrative Ministries. The visit of the officers of the Planning Commission is an additional arrangement for an on the spot review of implementation of flagship programmes in the States. The feedback emerging from the reports on the visit of these officers is intended to provide an opportunity for systemic improvements in flagship programmes.

Social welfare schemes

2391. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets set for various social welfare schemes implemented by Government in various States, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many social welfare schemes meant for the welfare of the poor are off the mark and are poorly implemented;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, PMGSY, Rural Water Supply Scheme, construction of houses to lower income groups etc., have also missed the target; and

(d) if so, the reasons behind the poorly implementation of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) to (d) The details of physical and financial targets and their achievements and other aspects concerning for various social welfare schemes implemented by the Government in various States, scheme-wise and State-wise are available with concerned Ministries and Departments, responsible for monitoring these schemes.